Urban Rivers Restoration Pilot Fact Sheet
City Creek/Gateway District
Utah

Background - In 1910, 2 miles of City Creek was encased below North Temple Street in the central portion of Salt Lake City. The area contains a 1.5 mile stretch of railroad right of way and rails that traverses a residential and commercial area of the City that is in transition. The Jordan River, which adjoins the area and to which City Creek is a tributary, is an associated wetland of the Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve.

Current Activties - Through collaborative efforts of the US EPA, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Salt Lake City, numerous local, State and private parties and Federal agencies Small Area Plans for two communities and the City Master Plan for the area have espoused the daylighting and restoration of City Creek. Under the proposed plan, the existing rails would be relocated.

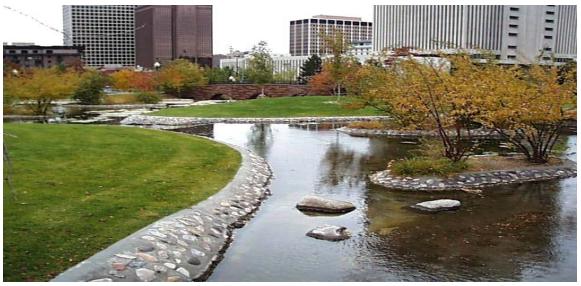
The adjoining 650 acre EPA Brownfields Showcase Redevelopment project known as "the Gateway" is being converted from a blighted industrial area into a revitalized mixed use, mixed income urban neighborhood.

The restored creek will lie between the EPA Brownfields Redevelopment project on the east and the Jordan River on the west. The trail along the creek will connect this new development with the regional Jordan River Trail system that connects with the valley-wide Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

Authority and Funding - The City Creek project is being conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers under authority of Section 206, Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2330). It currently is at midpoint of the feasibility stage.

The Gateway District Brownfields project is being conducted by the US EPA under the authority of the Small Business and Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, Public Law 107-118.

The Future - Over time, this project will provide at least 12 acres of high valued riparian habitat along with 7,900 feet of daylighted and restored creek. Restoration of aquatic and riparian habitat will provide home to an array of invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds. Water quality of the creek will be improved.



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